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Hodson et al.

Serial No.

09/872,514

Group Art Unit:

3625

Filed:

June 1, 2001

Examiner:

Fadok, Mark A.

Title:

INTEGRATED ELECTRONIC SHOPPING CART SYSTEM AND

METHOD

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PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper reply to the Restriction/Election Requirement June 3, 2004, which set a 3 month statutory period for reply, to which a three-month statutory extension set the period for reply to the Office Action to expire on December 3, 2004. The abandonment date of this application is December 4, 2004 (and an abandonment notice was mailed on May 12, 2005).

Applicants hereby petition for revival of this application. The following items accompany this petition: (i) the statutory <u>petition fee</u> of \$750 set forth in 37 CFR

§ 1.17(m); (ii) a <u>Response to the Restriction/Election Requirement</u>; and (iii) a newly executed <u>Power of Attorney</u>.

Applicants hereby concede that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. Applicants previously submitted a Response to the Restriction/Election Requirement on October 7, 2004, which was not entered as it inadvertently failed to include the full text of certain canceled claims. However, due to a change in address of record, the undersigned did not receive a copy of the miscellaneous action from the PTO, which was returned to the PTO as undeliverable (attached hereto as Exhibit A). During a subsequent telephone call with the Examiner, applicants' prior representative indicated (as noted in the interview summary) that it no longer represented applicants in this matter but would try to forward a copy of the miscellaneous communication to the appropriate individuals. Subsequently, a notice of abandonment was mailed on May 12, 2005, which was returned to the PTO as undeliverable (attached hereto as Exhibit B). Having now been fully apprised of the status of the above-identified application, applicants desire to continue the prosecution of the subject application whose abandonment was unintentional. At no time did applicants intend for the patent application to lapse. Applicants therefore respectfully request the Director to grant their petition to revive the unintentionally abandoned patent application.

Dated: February 16, 2006 Respectfully submitted,

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3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee	
Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995	5, no terminal disclaimer is required.
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Paper No.

Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)

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THE F	OLLOW I. Anno 	ING CHECKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT: endments to the specification: A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings. B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined. C. Other
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ב	4. Ame	A. A complete listing of <u>all</u> of the claims is not present. B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all claims (including withdrawn claims) C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP Sec. 714 and the USPTO website at http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/officeflyer.pdf.

If the non-compliant amendment is a PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT, applicant is given ONE MONTH from the mail date of this letter to supply the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121. Failure to comply with 37 CFR 1.121 will result in non-entry of the preliminary amendment and examination on the merits will commence without consideration of the proposed changes in the preliminary amendment(s). This notice is not an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, and this ONE MONTH time limit is not extendable.

If the non-compliant amendment is a reply to a NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION (including a submission for an RCE), and since the amendment appears to be a bono fide attempt to be a reply (37 CFR 1.135(c)), applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE MONTH from the mailing of this notice within which to re-submit the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD ARE AVAILABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

If the amendment is a reply to a FINAL REJECTION, this form may be an attachment to an Advisory Action. The period for response to a final rejection continues to run from the date set in the final rejection, and is not affected by the non-compliant status of the amendment.

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Notice of Abandonment	Examiner	Art Unit	-
	Mark Fadok	3625	
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This application is abandoned in view of:			
 Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office (a) ☐ A reply was received on (with a Certificate of period for reply (including a total extension of time of period) 	Mailing or Transmission dated	d), which is after the expi	ration of the
(b) A proposed reply was received on, but it does	s not constitute a proper reply	under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the f	inal rejection.
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5. The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interfe of the decision has expired and there are no allowed clai		because the period for seeking	court review
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Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdra ninimize any negative effects on patent term.	aw the holding of abandonment u	nder 37 CFR 1.181, should be prom	ptly filed to

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Interview Summary	09/872,514	HODSON ET AL	•
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO	personnel):		
(1) Mark Fadok.	(3)		
(2) Mr. Tim Lohse (650) 833-2055).	(4)		
Date of Interview: 10 May 2005.			
Type: a)⊠ Telephonic b)□ Video Conference c)□ Personal [copy given to: 1)□ applicant 2	≥)⊠ applicant's representative	e]	
Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes If Yes, brief description:	e)⊠ No.	•	
Claim(s) discussed:			•
Identification of prior art discussed:	•		
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Summary of Record of Interview Requirements

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record

A complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face, video conference, or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews

Paragraph (b)

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

37 CFR §1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

All business with the Patent or Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner's responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete an Interview Summary Form for each interview held where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. Where the substance of an interview is completely recorded in an Examiners Amendment, no separate Interview Summary Record is required.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No., placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Application Number (Series Code and Serial Number)
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (telephonic, video-conference, or personal)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (if Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview

- A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:
- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner.
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,
 - (The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

Examiner to Check for Accuracy

If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth the examiner's version of the statement attributed to him or her. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication, "Interview Record OK" on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiner's initials.

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The office has sent out 2 mailings of a non-responsive amendment (mailed 10/27/2004), which were returned on 11/12/2004 and once again on 1/14/2005. The examiner was unable to contact the applicant, since no telephone number was available. The examiner did contact Mr. Lohse who had sent in the non-responsive election on 10/7/2004. Mr. Lohse asked that a copyof this correspondence be sent to him so he might be able to contact the applicant. The examiner noted that a Notice of Abandonment will be sent to the address of record and since Mr. Lohse is no longer the attorney of record (see office correspondence 6/12/2004) a copy will not be sent to his office. The examiner did inform Mr. Lohse that he could contact the applicant and inform him that this correspondence is being sent and if the applicant wishes to revive the application he could contact the examiner..

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